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SUBJECT: MEETING OF CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC(CONGO)

1. ON NOVEMBER 3 AND 4 THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE OF NGO'S IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC(CONGO) AT UNHQ.
2. THIS PARTICULAR MEETING OF THE CONGO IS OF INTEREST TO THE US BECAUSE MRS. EDITH BALLANTYNE (US), SYG OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM (WILPF) WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONGO IN MARCH 1976 AND WILL SERVE FOR THREE YEARS, HEADQUARTERED IN GENEVA.
3. MRS. ANNABELLE WIENER (US) WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE-PREIDENT. SHE IS PRESENTLY THE NY REP OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF UN ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA) AND WELL-LIKED BY NGO'S. THE OTHER TWO VICE PRESIDENTS ELECTED ARE REPS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL.
4. THREE NGO REPS EXPLAINED TO PICKER (US REP, COMMISSIONFOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT) THE MRS. BALLANTYNE'S ELECTION IS CONSTRUED AS ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY THE SOVIETS TO DES-

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TROY PARTICIPATION OF NGO'S IN THE UN SYSTEM. THEY

DOCUMENT THIS BY EXPLAINING THAT BALLANTYNE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THE PROCEDURAL RULES OF CONGO CHANGED. THE NEW RULES ELIMINATE THE TWO SECTIONS OF THE CONGO BOARD (NY AND GENEVA) AND CREATED ONLY ONE BOARD, TO BE LOCATED IN GENEVA. THIS HAS THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF LEAVING NGO'S REPRESENTED AT UNHQ NO CONFERENCE STRUCTURE WITH WHICH TO RELATE.

5. PICKER INFORMED THAT ONE ITEM ON THE AGENDA DEALS WITH "THE TREATMENT OF INDIANS IN THE AMERICAS" WHICH IS TO BE DEALT WITH IN SEPT 1977 BY A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CONGO ON HUMAN RIGHTS. TO DO THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FOR THIS MEETING, THE INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL HAS BEEN SELECTED. THEY WERE TURNED DOWN BY ECOSOC FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS.

6. WIENER IS TRYING HARD TO PREVENT THE DILUTION OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE NY-BASED NGO'S .

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